



**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 25, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY/PUBLIC BY ZOOM ONLY**

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on October 25, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., at the Bridgeville Public Library. The following were present:

Tom Carey	President
Marlene Saunders	Secretary
Tom Moran	Commissioner
John Tomeski	Commissioner

Bethany DeBussy	Town Manager
Ashley Walls	Town Clerk
Dennis Schrader	Town Solicitor

Absent: Bruce Smith President Pro Tempore

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Carey.

QUORUM PRESENT:

President Carey reported that a quorum was present to conduct Town business.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

MUNICIPAL PRESENTATION

John Doherty, Representing Municap, gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the bond refunding. Mr. Doherty gave a background of the Special Tax District. Mr. Doherty stated that the Special taxes are collected annually with the real estate taxes. Mr. Doherty stated that residents can contact him directly. Commissioner Moran thanked Mr. Doherty for helping with residents. Commissioner Moran and John Doherty discussed the undeveloped property and who pays for it. Emily Metzler, representing Municap as well, was present via Zoom answering questions as well. Commissioner Moran asked if Phase 5 will be they will be paying their portion of the Special Tax and Mr. Doherty stated yes that they would be.

Pat Mickol- 30 Waterside Drive (Via Zoom)- Mrs. Mickol asked about the goal of the refinancing of the 2005 bonds and the benefits of the refinancing to the residents of Heritage Shores. Mr. Doherty stated that initially it would go to undeveloped properties and at the completion of construction then they will be able to reduce the assigned special tax. Mrs. Mickol asked if current residents will benefit from the refinancing and Mr. Doherty stated that yes at the completion of construction that they will. Emily Metzler stated that residents will receive a reduction in their Special tax when construction is completed and that the developer does not have a say in how the special taxes are reduced, the bond

documents dictate the reduction. Mrs. Mickol asked if the developer wanted the special taxes reduced in 2015. Emily stated that, that is not accurate and that every parcel in the district has the same special tax levy. Emily stated that each special tax amounts on certain ones in the earlier period negotiated how much the builders would pay versus how much the home owners would pay. Emily stated that later on there was an overall reduction across the board. Emily stated that if Mrs. Mickol would send over any documents she has, that she would look at the for her. Mrs. Mickol stated that she read that any surplus at the end of Construction would be going to the Town. Emily stated that is not accurate because surplus special taxes cannot go to the Town but she would be willing to look at the document she read that in. Mrs. Mickol asked if an audit has been done and Mr. Schrader stated that it is done annually. Mrs. Mickol asked about an audit of the whole program since the beginning. Emily stated that the State of Delaware does not require a review but that the Town does review Municap's reports. Mrs. Mickol asked if they could email her the documents.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS RECIPIENTS

Town Manager DeBussy stated that there were more participants this year but the sponsorships were about the same in the past years. Ms. DeBussy stated that there will be about \$8,000 to give to the organizations. Ms. DeBussy stated that historically the Lions Club and Kiwanian's Club received funds and that the Senior Center has received funds in the past but not recently. President Carey stated that his thoughts are that with COVID it may be good to give the Senior Centers a portion (\$1,000) of the proceeds and then split the remainder of the proceeds between the Lions Club and Kiwanian's Club.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

LOGO BRANDING

Town Manager DeBussy gave the Commissioners a presentation regarding Updating the Town Logo (Town Seal). Town Manager DeBussy gave the Commissioners documents showing the updated logo that she is presenting. Town Manager DeBussy discussed branding and logos with the Commission. President Carey gave a history on the colors such as the red and then blue. Town Manager DeBussy discussed Color theory with the Commission. Town Manager DeBussy stated that she has been working with a graphic artist and presented an updated Town Logo to the Commissioners. Town Manager DeBussy and the Commissioners discussed "If you lived here, you'd be home now" versus "If you lived here, you would be home now." Commissioner Saunders stated that she would just like to make sure that if they use the Sudler House, that they did not have slaves. Town Manager DeBussy stated that she would do research on the Sudler House.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

GRANT-IN-AID/DONATIONS

Town Manager DeBussy stated that there are no new requests.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

MISC

Commissioner Saunders suggested having a Commissioner Orientation when new Commissioners when they have new Commissioners.

Town Manager DeBussy stated that on Sunday, October 31, the Town will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat at 6 PM, the House decorating contest will be announced on Monday, November 1st, and a kid's costume contest will be held as well.

Town Manager DeBussy stated that the Christmas Parade planning has started and that they have had a preliminary meeting regarding the parade. Ms. DeBussy stated that the current plan is for the parade route to go down Market St. and S. Main Street. Ms. DeBussy stated that the goal is to have the O'Leary Building demolished by December 4th and to have the new Town Christmas tree & Judge standing will be at that location. The date of the Christmas Parade is December 11th at 6 PM with a rain date of December 12th at 5 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Workshop was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Saunders, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist